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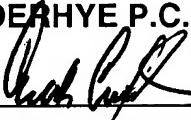
REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims, without prejudice, and the specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent applications and to add an Abstract of the Invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT

The invention relates to the use of microbes *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* LGG, ATCC 53103, *Latobacillus rhamnosus* LC705, DSM 7061, and *Propionibacterium freudenreichii* ssp. *shermanii* PJS, DSM 7067 in inhibiting yeast growth, for preventing and treating diseases caused by yeast and for relieving yeast-related symptoms in animals or humans.